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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2190

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, KS, YO, US
SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE TALKS: AMBASSADOR BRIEFS
FORMIN AND BLUE HOUSE OFFICIAL

REF: A) STATE 65759; B) STATE 65788

1. SINCE PRESIDENT PARK WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND
IN VIEW MY BELIEF WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
I MET WITH FORMIN AND SENIOR BLUE HOUSE OFFICIAL ON MORNING
MARCH 18. STATING THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO BRIEF
PRESIDENT PARK AND REQUESTING THAT VIEWS BE TRANSMITTED TO HIM
WITHOUT DELAY, I BEGAN DETAILING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON (REF B). I THEN DEVELOPED U.S. VIEW OF VALUE OF
THIS YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE FOR ROK. BOTH IN TERMS OF RE-
ESTABLISHING DIALOGUE AND, IMPORTANTLY, IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING
YUGOSLAV SUPPORT IN NAM AND UN CIRCLES.

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2. IN ORDER SUPPORT LATTER VIEW, I DREW ON POINTS BEING
MADE WITH GOY (REF A), NOTING THAT I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED
A REPORT ON HOW THESE DISCUSSIONS HAD PROCEEDED. I URGED
POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM ROK TO YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL WHICH
MET ROKG STRATEGIC AIMS, WHICH INCREASED OUR LEVERAGE ON
YUGOSLAV'S AND WHICH, IN BOTH YUGOSLAV AND U.S. VIEW
WERE UNLIKELY TO BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN PYONGYANG.

3. FORMIN WAS CONCERNED THAT TRIPARTITE TALKS MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD AND ASKED IF FOUR-POWER CONCEPT WAS NOT BEING CONSIDERED. I POINTED OUT, ON VERY CLOSE HOLD BASIS, TALKS BY TITO AND MINIC IN PEKING AND SAID CHINESE CLEARLY HAVE OPTED OUT.

4. IN CONCLUSION, I URGED A QUICK AND POSITIVE RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE ROKG TO THIS NEW YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE. BOTH FORMIN AND SENIOR BLUE HOUSE OFFICIAL APPEARED TO HAVE A POSITIVE REACTION TO MY PRESENTATION AND PROMISED TO GIVE MATTER URGENT STUDY. IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE ROK A FEW DAYS TO DIGEST THIS NEW DEPARTURE. I WILL CONTINUE DURING THAT TIME TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT OUTCOME IS POSITIVE. SNEIDER. UNQUOTE COOPER.

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